DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0035]

[Docket 2012-0076; Sequence 1]

Federal Acquisition Regulation;

Information Collection; Claims and Appeals

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services

Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space

Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Regulatory Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a previously approved information collection requirement concerning claims and appeals.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of

appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Submit comments on or before [Insert date 60 days after publication in the Federal Register.]

ADDRESSES: Submit comments identified by Information Collection 9000-0035, Claims and Appeals by any of the following methods:

• Regulations.gov: <a href="http://www.regulations.gov">http://www.regulations.gov</a>.

Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by inputting "Information Collection 9000-0035, Claims and Appeals" under the heading "Enter Keyword or ID" and selecting "Search". Select the link "Submit a Comment" that corresponds with "Information Collection 9000-0035, Claims and Appeals". Follow the instructions provided at the "Submit a Comment" screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and "Information Collection 9000-0035, Claims and Appeals" on your attached document.

- Fax: 202-501-4067.
- Mail: General Services Administration, Regulatory

  Secretariat (MVCB), 1275 First Street, NE, Washington, DC

  20417. ATTN: Hada Flowers/IC 9000-0035, Claims and Appeals.

Instructions: Please submit comments only and cite Information
Collection 9000-0035, Claims and Appeals, in all correspondence
related to this collection. All comments received will be posted

without change to <a href="http://www.regulations.gov">http://www.regulations.gov</a>, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Anthony Robinson, procurement Analyst, Acquisition Policy Division, GSA, (202) 501-2658 or via email at anthony.robinson@gsa.gov.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

## A. Purpose

It is the Government's policy to try to resolve all contractual issues by mutual agreement at the contracting officer's level without litigation. Reasonable efforts should be made to resolve controversies prior to submission of a contractor's claim. The Contract Disputes Act of 1978 (41 U.S.C. 605) requires that claims exceeding \$100,000 must be accompanied by a certification that (1) the claim is made in good faith; (2) supporting data are accurate and complete; and (3) the amount requested accurately reflects the contract adjustment for which the contractor believes the Government is liable. The information, as required by FAR clause 52.233-1, Disputes, is used by a contracting officer to decide or resolve the claim. Contractors may appeal the contracting officer's decision by submitting written appeals to the appropriate officials.

## B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 4,500.

Responses Per Respondent: 3.

Annual Responses: 13,500.

Hours Per Response: 1.

Total Burden Hours: 13,500.

OBTAINING COPIES OF PROPOSALS: Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVCB), 1275 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20417, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0035, Claims and Appeals, in all correspondence.

**Dated:** March 20, 2012

Laura Auletta, Director, Office of Governmentwide Acquisition Policy, Office of Acquisition Policy, Office of Governmentwide Policy.

[BILLING CODE 6820-EP]

[FR Doc. 2012-7425 Filed 03/27/2012 at 8:45 am; Publication Date: 03/28/2012]